

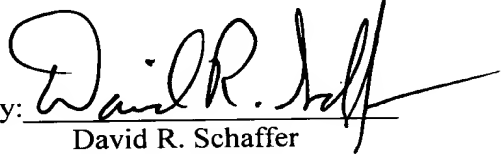
**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-12 that were previously canceled have now been included in the listing of claims with the proper status identifier and claims 13-24 and 26-45 have been amended and Applicants believe that the claims as now presented are clearly allowable. Please replace the Amendments to the Claims section filed on November 23, 2004 with the version contained herein.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this Amendment places the case in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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